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AMENDMENT TO AGENDA ITEM #34

Finding permanent adoptive homes for animals cared for by the Department of Animal Care and Control is a top priority of the Department’s mission to protect people and animals. Promoting more adoptions by subsidizing the fee for adoption may encourage more people to adopt their pets from County animal care centers.

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) is already underwriting the cost of adopting cats, through a generous grant provided to the Department. It is hoped that this adoption subsidy will encourage more cat adoptions.

A pilot program would help determine whether the same fee subsidy structure would increase the adoption of dogs from County animal care centers. Such a program would be used to evaluate the impact of subsidized fees for dog adoptions and would be helpful in determining whether such a program should be permanently implemented for dog adoptions.

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WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of the Department of Animal Care and Control report back to the Board in 30-days with the following:

1. Identify 3-month period of time in 2015 to determine how many dog adoptions took place;
2. Identify a comparable 3-month period in 2016 for purposes of conducting a pilot program of subsidized adoptions to determine whether the number of adoptions increased from the previous year; and
3. Determine the cost of subsidizing such adoptions and identify funding sources to sustain the program.

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